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Bradford Smith, director of the Friends International Center in Delhi, greets India's President Rajendra Prasad, arriving at the Center as principal guest at a reception.

WHAT IS A QUAKER CENTER?

By BRADFORD SMITH, Director of the Quaker International Center, Delhi

A CENTER is a place where you get up before dawn to take someone to the airport, talk patiently to people who want you to set them up as newspaper editors or as directors of their own yoga school, welcome visitors from distant parts of the earth, put them in touch with people of similar professional interests, find rooms for people who arrive with their baggage in the expectation that we are a public hostel, and get used to living in a house which is both homelike and yet not a home because you never have it to yourself.

A Center is a place which attracts both the best and the strangest—judges, businessmen, members of Parliament, scholars, and specialists bound on the world missions so frequent these days; but also those who would persuade us to adopt a new diet or submit to a nature cure even if there is nothing wrong with us. Others

see our sign, "Society of Friends," and take it literally.

University students come to a film show or an "At Home," or for a weekend seminar which deals with some of the problems they are facing. A renowned scholar comes to town, and we arrange for him to meet with other scholars and government people at a simple buffet. Or, in the same informal way, we bring an eminent national leader to meet a group of younger diplomats, many of whom have had contact with Quaker seminars in Europe or America.

Friends Meet Friends

Friends and friends of Friends stop in for help or advice, or merely for the feeling of friendliness in a strange land. Usually when they come, they find some other visitor with us who

A foreign students' tea at the Delhi Center is a time to broaden understanding of the country.

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will enrich their understanding of the country.

A Center is a place which tries to combine adult education with home-like hospitality. It is a focal point for ideas and people as they make their winged tracks across a shrunken world. One of a dozen of its kind, it accomplishes something merely by being where it is and reporting what it sees.

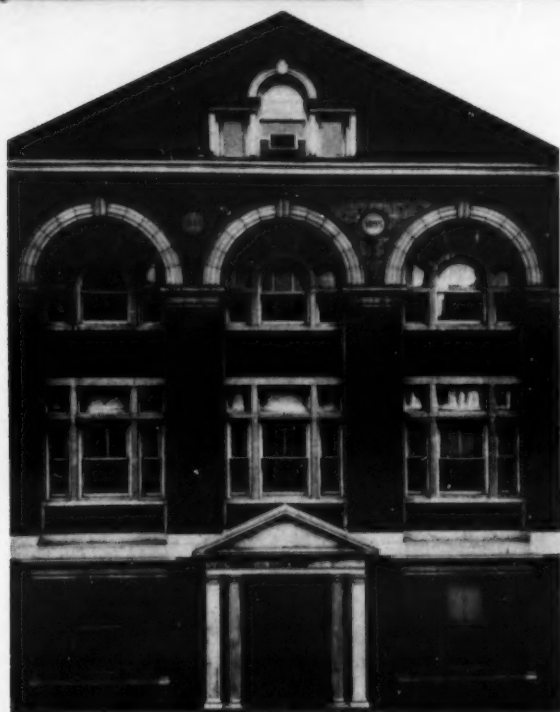
Has No Ax to Grind

A Quaker International Center is perhaps the only institution of its kind in the world: having no ax to grind, limited by no rigid program or platform, under no political thumb, seeking no advantage, sensitive to people, thinking beyond national confines, and thus helping to create the international mind and world of the future.

A Center is a place where men and women of many faiths, from far and near, can gather in meditative silence to order and perhaps to exchange their thoughts about things of the spirit. There in the quiet one can hear the Center's heart beat and know that it is the same pulsing of the spirit which sustains and refreshes, wherever the Center or wherever the silence may be.

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In September the AFSC will move its national offices to 160 North Fifteenth Street. The four-story structure was originally Friends Central School and is adjacent to the Race Street Meeting House.

Photos by Matt Herron



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*Philadelphia, Pa.
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Dear Friends:

I suppose we have all, at some time or another, marveled at the way human beings are able to "carry on" at moments of crisis or special challenge. On occasions we see reactions which are frivolous or irresponsible, and we deplore the escapism which "fiddles while Rome burns." In other circumstances we are ourselves uplifted at the sight of some person or group or nation finding a proper balance between the ongoing commitments of life and the response to immediate opportunity or adversity.

The AFSC is always facing the problem of finding this proper balance. We have put our hand to the plow in many furrows. Some of them are long and we are clearly only in mid-field; with others it is difficult to judge whether we are at the end of the furrow or not; and always there are new challenges for which our resources in manpower or funds or administrative capacity are inadequate.

In a very special sense we are feeling this sort of strain just now. History in 1960 has thrown down the gauntlet before all who seek a nonviolent ordering of human society. So far this year we have seen the arms race accelerated, a stalemate in disarmament negotiations, revolutionary stirrings in many parts of the world,

and a gross deterioration of political relationships. In front of us lies our Presidential election. Yet this is the very moment when the AFSC finds itself weighed down with two important "domestic chores" of a nonrecurring nature.

The first of these events is the relocation of the national offices in Philadelphia. It is a wrench for all of us to leave the address which has known over 40 years of AFSC history. The new building will give us security of tenure and reduced occupancy costs over the years. It will bring us all on to four stories under one roof, as against our present inefficient dispersal on eight floors of two buildings. We shall gain certain amenities and lose others. Another important fruit of the move is the fact that it makes feasible the second of the two domestic changes I mentioned. This consists of a reorganization of our Philadelphia program administration. In an increasingly interdependent world, the present arbitrary division of our programs into American and Foreign Service sections has become more and more unreal. Five program groupings: International Services (Relief and Assistance), International Affairs (Centers, Conferences, Exchanges, etc.), Community Relations, Youth Services, and Peace Education in the U. S. will be coordinated in October under a single administration responsible directly to the Board.

Increasing efficiency and reducing costs are appropriate activities, but they are not ends in themselves. They are only means to achieve our larger purposes. A supporting constituency which feels itself deeply related to our work, a dedicated staff, and a constant seeking, both in individual and corporate ways, to know what God wants of us—these are the essentials of our spiritual health, without which we cannot begin to meet the immense challenges of the day.

Yours sincerely,

Colin W. Bell

Executive Secretary

GIFTS TO MUSTAPHA: A WAY CHILDREN SHARE

MUSTAPHA, sad-faced, pale, and thin, sometimes sits in a corner of his hut called a "gourbie," and thinks. As he does, he feels much older than his five years. He remembers when his family—his mother, father, and two older brothers lived on the edge of an Algerian village.



How long has father been away?
And where is he? Is he fighting?
Against whom? Why?

It is winter in Tunisia where the family fled from the fighting in Algeria. The bitter cold winds blow against the flimsy "gourbie" of mud and twigs. Sometimes Mustapha thinks it will fall to pieces.



His older brothers, who once taught him games and songs, care of the goats, and how to learn from the stars and moon, look tired and worried. They are cold and hungry too.

Though Mustapha feels sad he tries to think of the good things and says to himself, "Mother is here. That is good. And my mother and my brothers have a blanket! Of course, it's hard for all of us to get under one blanket. But that's better than no blanket."

Back in the United States good things are happening. In harbors, men are busily loading large bales onto ships. Each bale, wrapped in brown gunny-sacking, is stamped with a red and black star, circled with the words, "American Friends Service Committee."

Mustapha's big, brown eyes would glow if he could see one of the blankets in those bales. They are on the way to Tunisia and Morocco to warm mothers and children through long, cold winter nights.

All over America children are saving and giving money to send blankets to Algerian ref-



ugees. This project, "Blankets from American Children," sponsored by AFSC's Children's Program, has captured the enthusiasm of many children's groups. For example, in the city of Birmingham, Ala., this was the major service activity in the city vacation schools during the summer.

Elsewhere other ideas are being used to help children share with those who have less.



The AFSC Children's Program publishes materials about service projects, and receives children's cash gifts which buy blankets for refugees, fruit trees for Italian families, dig wells in India, and bring cheer to Puerto Rican children in East Harlem.

Though misery may ignore seasons and holidays, these often provide the impetus to children's participation in projects. A Christmas Cap project sends balls of yarn to Algerian refugees. About 800 balls, each pierced with four knitting needles, decorated a Christmas tree in a Des Moines public building where Girl Scouts conducted the project during December. Yarn from American children valued at \$10,000 was sent to North Africa last year. Coins pasted in handmade stars also decorated American Christmas trees and provided funds to buy fruit trees for Italian villages.



Another way children contribute is through Valentine Dimes which help operate a day nursery in Dacca, East Pakistan, and which also pay for equipment and transportation for milk served to Algerian refugee children.

The Children's Program has received attractive thank-you gifts from young-

sters in other lands. These include drawings and paintings, dolls and toys, which widen the horizons of American givers. Also available for loan are articles like a child's wooden comb from India and a Korean arithmetic book.

"Friendly Things To Do," a series of four seasonal packets prepared by the Children's Program, and sold for 25¢ each, include service project suggestions, games, songs, stories, and recipes from around the world.



While calling attention to the fact that children of the world worship in different ways there is a reminder that Jewish children go to a synagogue, Christians to a church, and Muslims to a mosque.* To illustrate, selections from the Koran (the holy book of Muslims), and from the Bible are incorporated in a choral reading related to a service project.

From the Bible: "Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

From the Koran: "Righteousness is to him who gives cheerfully of his substance."

*See *Friendly Things To Do*, June-September





In Los Angeles an estimated 3,000 persons participated in a Walk for Disarmament in July on the eve of the Democratic Convention. The five-mile walk ended with a rally where the speakers were Linus Pauling, Hugh Hester, Analee Stewart, and Bob Vogel, peace education secretary in the Pacific Southwest Regional Office. The photo at left shows Ed Sanders, regional office secretary, and others lettering posters before the walk began. The AFSC and eight other organizations sponsored the walk.

Photos by Alex Morisey



Appointed to West Africa

An AFSC representative for West Africa has been appointed by the Committee to assume duties in September with residence in Nigeria. The new position carries responsibility for developing information on major trends of current history in the emerging nations of that area.

In this post Paul Blanshard, Jr., hopes to work with key individuals who are shaping these trends and to use his professional radio and television experience as an aid to Nigeria in ways yet to be determined.

New Publications

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE AFSC—A 12-page illustrated booklet.

OVERSEAS WORK CAMPS, 1961—A single-sheet flyer; general interpretation of the program.

BUT YOU CAN'T TRUST THE RUSSIANS—A 32-page pamphlet which examines the chances for meaningful negotiation with the Soviet Union. 50 cents.

MADMEN AT WORK—The story of the Polaris missile. A 10-page pamphlet. 20 cents.

LABOR'S STAKE IN PEACE—An address by Emil Mazey and excerpts from speeches by William C. Davidson and Fenner Brockway. 20 cents.

THE CASE FOR DISARMAMENT—An 8-page pamphlet by John Swomley, Jr. 5 cents.

CUBA'S REVOLUTION: THE FIRST YEAR—Two reports reprinted from *The Christian Century* and *Between the Lines*. 10 cents.

BLANKETS FROM AMERICAN CHILDREN—Three illustrated flyers describing a service project to aid Algerian refugee children.

Program Aids Available

SAVE A CHILD—A 16mm sound film on the plight of Algerian refugees. The film was produced in Holland and a trailer added to describe how aid is being sent through the AFSC. 36 minutes. A special promotion card with a tear-off-and-return postal card is available.

FRIENDLY THINGS TO DO AND DAYS OF DISCOVERY—These two October-November packets contain autumn service projects, including Halloween and Thanksgiving activities. 25 cents each. Order from the Children's Program.

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

Again this year the Service Committee's Christmas Gift Plan is available to contributors.

Instead of personal gifts to friends or associates, contributions in their name may be made to the AFSC. An attractive Christmas card is then sent by the Service Committee to each honoree.

Special gifts at Christmas, going beyond the regular AFSC contributions, are an extra channel to share the spirit of the season.

The AFSC also receives gifts in honor of births, anniversaries, weddings, and other events, and notes of acknowledgment are sent if requested. A printed card is available to acknowledge memorial gifts.

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THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, a Quaker organization, attempts to relieve human suffering and find creative solutions to tensions between individuals, groups, or nations. We believe there is that of God in every man, and that love in action can overcome hatred, prejudice, and fear. Our work is open to anyone regardless of race, religion, or nationality. We depend upon your contributions. Checks may be sent to the American Friends Service Committee at any of its offices.

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